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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE REGARDING REPORTED ISLAMIC JIHAD
PLANS TO PUT U.S. CITIZENS ON TRIAL

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2. THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE.

3. ADDRESSEES WILL HAVE SEEN BY NOW MEDIA REPORTS OF THE JANUARY 14 ISLAMIC JIHAD STATEMENT REGARDING THE U.S. - KIDNAP VICTIMS. AN ANONYMOUS CALLER TO BEIRUT NEWS AGENCIES CLAIMED ISLAMIC JIHAD'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DEATH OF TWO FRENCH CEASEFIRE OBSERVERS THE SAME DAY AND INDICATED THAT THE FIVE AMERICANS WHO HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED IN LEBANON WOULD BE TRIED AS CIA SPIES. ACCORDING TO THE JANUARY 14 REUTER VERSION OF THE REPORT, THE CALLER IS - QUOTED AS HAVING SAID THE FOLLOWING: QUOTE WE WISH TO NOTIFY (STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN) ALAN ROMBERG THAT WILLIAM BUCKLEY, JEREMY LEVIN, BENJAMIN WEIR, PETER KILBURN AND LAWRENCE JENCO ARE NOW IN OUR CUSTODY PRELIMINARY TO TRYING THEM AS SPIES . . . THESE PEOPLE ARE USING JOURNALISM, EDUCATION AND RELIGION AS A COVER AND ARE IN FACT AGENTS IN THE CIA. THEY HAVE EXPLOITED THE HOSPITALITY ACCORDED TO THEM BY ISLAMIC AREAS-TO -

PERSIST IN THEIR SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES AND WILL GET THE PUNISHMENT THEY DESERVE . . . THE TWO FRENCH SPIES WERE LIQUIDATED THIS MORNING AFTER THEY WERE CAUGHT RED-HANDED SPYING ON OUR YOUTHS AND POSITIONS IN THE ISLAMIC SUBURB AS PART OF THEIR MISSION TO MONITOR THE MOVEMENTS OF OUR YOUTHS AND REPORT TO ATLANTIC, ISRAELI AND FALANGIST INTELLIGENCE. UNQUOTE.

4. ADDRESSEES SHOULD APPROACH HOST GOVERNMENTS AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVELS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND DELIVER DEMARCHES BASED ON THE TALKING POINTS PROVIDED BELOW. TALKING POINTS FOR USE WITH THE SYRIANS WILL FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL.

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GRAVITY AND CONCERN THE JANUARY 14 STATEMENT BY ISLAMIC JIHAD IN BEIRUT THAT THE FIVE AMERICANS KIDNAPPED IN LEBANON WILL BE TRIED AS SPIES.

-- IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO TRUTH TO THE CHARGE THAT THESE CITIZENS HAVE USED JOURNALISM, EDUCATION AND RELIGION AS A COVER FOR SPYING. NEVERTHELESS, SOME OF THE KIDNAP VICTIMS HAVE BEEN IN THE HANDS OF THE TERRORISTS NOW FOR ALMOST A YEAR. THEIR SUFFERING AND THAT OF THEIR FAMILIES IS BEYOND WORDS.

-- WE DO NOT, HOWEVER, WISH TO ENGAGE IN A DEBATE WITH TERRORISTS ABOUT THE LIVES OF OUR CITIZENS. THIS LATEST THREAT CONTRAVENES ALL CIVILIZED NORMS OF HUMAN BEHAVIOR AND COMMON DECENCY, AS WELL AS ISLAMIC INJUNCTIONS REGARDING HOSPITALITY AND THE TREATMENT OF GUESTS.

-- CLEARLY THE LIVES OF THESE FIVE INNOCENT AMERICANS ARE NOW IN JEOPARDY. THERE IS NO TIME LEFT FOR PATIENCE. WE CALL UPON YOUR GOVERNMENT TO DO EVERYTHING IT CAN TO EFFECT THE SAFE RELEASE OF THE AMERICANS. WE HAVE ASKED FOR YOUR HELP IN THE PAST, BUT WE MAY NOW BE RUNNING OUT OF TIME. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE REDOUBLE ALL EFFORTS TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF THESE INNOCENT PEOPLE TO THEIR FAMILIES. WE URGE YOU IN THE STRONGEST TERMS TO TAKE EVERY POSSIBLE MEASURE YOU CAN TO FREE OUR PEOPLE.

-- SHOULD HARM COME TO THESE FIVE AMERICANS. THE UNITED STATES WOULD HAVE TO TAKE ACTIONS WHICH IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE.

5. FYI ONLY. WE ARE MAKING A SEPARATE APPROACH TO IRAN THROUGH THE SWISS TO LET THE IRANIANS KNOW THAT WE WILL

HOLD THEM DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE SHOULD ANY HARM COME TO OUR PEOPLE.

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